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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have not permitted certain Chief Ministers and Ministers of State to visit United States to participate in the information technology conference organised by `Microsoft` company of Mr. Bill Gates; and

(b) if so, the details of the request made and the reasons for not giving permission?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): Microsoft had extended invitations to the State Governments to attend the Government Leaders` Conference at Seattle in USA from 2nd to 4th April, 2000. References in this regard were received by the Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India from Chief Ministers of Gujarat and Maharashtra and Ministers from Kerala and Madhya Pradesh. The Department of Personnel and Training, however, did not concur to the proposal and the Ministry of Information Technology had brought this fact to the notice of the concerned State Goverments while simultaneously conveying its No objection from technical angle.